



TOHONO O' ODHAM NATION

Tribe's name is pronounced "toe-HO-no oh-OH-thum"

Elected Officials



Chairman: Dr. Ned Norris, Jr.



Vice-Chair: Wavalene M. Romero

Environmental Director: Lorinda Sam

Other Employee of Note: RTOC Chair Cornelius Antone

Land Base: 2,854,881 acres, *half the size of the State of New Jersey*. There are additional O'odham people living in border communities in the Mexican State of Sonora.

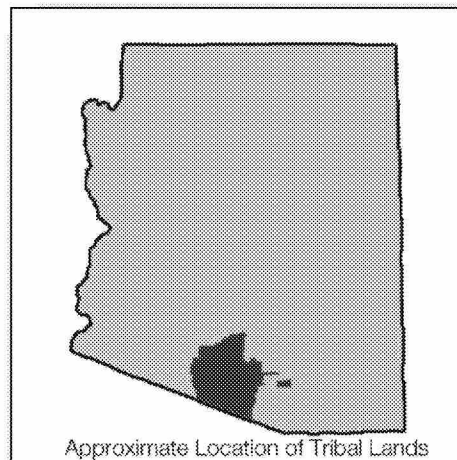
Primary Economy: Tohono O'odham Utility Authority, Tohono O'odham Economic Development Authority, and Tohono O'odham Gaming Enterprise.

Population and Poverty (2010 Census): 10,734 residents live on the Reservation; 41.2% of which live below the poverty line.

Educational Attainment (of persons over 25): 67.1% have at least a high school diploma. 5.6% have a bachelor's or graduate degree.

EPA Funding (FY2012-2013)

GAP	\$364,925
Clean Water Act 106	\$135,000
Brownfields	\$90,000
Tribal Air Quality	\$75,000
DWTSA	\$1,569,000
CWTSA	\$93,014
Total	\$2,326,939



Approximate Location of Tribal Lands

The Nation is the second largest reservations in Arizona in both population and geographical size, with four non-contiguous segments totalling more than 2.8 million acres in the Sonoran Desert of south-central Arizona. The largest community, Sells, functions as the Nation's capital. Boundaries begin south of Casa Grande and encompass parts of Pinal, Pima and Maricopa Counties before continuing south into Mexico. Today, nine O'odham communities in Mexico lie proximate to the southern edge of the Nation, a number of which are separated only by the United States/Mexico border.

The Tohono O'odham Nation is comprised of three branches of government; Executive (including the Chairman's Office), Legislative (which houses the tribal council representatives – two from each of the 11 districts) and Judicial. Each of the eleven districts elects a Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer.

General Assistance Program

During FY13, the Tribe will be building environmental capacity by participating in the Border 2020 Workgroup and Task Force, educating the Nation's leadership and communities on environmental concerns, coordinating with the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality on migrant waste and other issues, coordinating oversight of the pesticides program, conducting a pollution prevention assessment of tribal businesses, and coordinating the RTOC as the regional co-chair.

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Rosemont Copper Mine EIS

This mine is proposed on ~4,750 acres of primarily National Forest Service lands about 30 miles south of Tucson (east of the ASARCO complex at San Xavier), and would produce 4.7 billion pounds of copper over 25 years. EPA rated the Draft EIS “Environmentally Unsatisfactory – Inadequate” (EU-3) due to potential violation of air and water quality standards, as well as impacts to biological resources, tribal resources, and human health. The Tohono O’odham Nation has spoken out in direct opposition to the proposed development. As proposed, the mine would result in the loss of 111 National Register of Historic Places eligible properties, approximately 1/3 of which are known or likely to have human remains. The Tohono O’odham consider the Santa Rita Mountains to be “Ce:wi Duag”, a Traditional Cultural Place eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. Currently, the US Forest Service is working with the Tribe to develop a Memorandum of Agreement outlining tribal resource mitigation, but the Tribe remains opposed to the project.

Region 9 is awaiting an updated version of the NEPA document, and will continue to engage with the Tribe on this issue.

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